

## House Resolution 914

By: Representative Epps of the 140<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and recognizing April 26, 2009, as Macon  
2 Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Day at the state capitol; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a public service organization founded on  
5 January 13, 1913, by 22 visionary women at Howard University in Washington, D.C.:  
6 Osceola Macarthy Adams, Marguerite Young Alexander, Winona Cargile Alexander, Ethel  
7 Cuff Black, Bertha Pitts Campbell, Zephyr Chisom Carter, Edna Brown Coleman, Jessie  
8 McGuire Dent, Frederica Chase Dodd, Myra Davis Hemmings, Olive Jones, Jimmie Bugg  
9 Middleton, Pauline Oberdorfer Minor, Vashti Turley Murphy, Naomi Sewell Richardson,  
10 Mamie Reddy Rose, Eliza P. Shippen, Florence Letcher Toms, Ethel Carr Watson, Wertie  
11 Blackwell Weaver, Madree Pen White, and Edith Motte Young; and

12 WHEREAS, only weeks after its founding, the sorority's first public act was participation in  
13 the Women's Suffrage Movement demanding rights for women, particularly the right to vote;  
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15 WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., is a sisterhood of college-educated women  
16 committed to implementing the sorority's mission through its Five Point Program Thrust:  
17 Educational Development, Economic Development, Political Awareness and Involvement,  
18 and International Awareness and Involvement; and

19 WHEREAS, the sorority recently celebrated 96 years of exemplary service and support to  
20 local communities, leading dialogue on public policy issues, supporting quality education,  
21 producing new projects to stimulate current and future economic growth, and improving the  
22 lives of the people in their communities; and

23 WHEREAS, the Macon Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was chartered  
24 on April 26, 1958, by 12 illustrious and vivacious women: Obie Bailey, Early Dean Bogan

25 Mathis, Barbara Clowers, Delores Cook, Lucille Armour Driskell, Gussie Pope Felton,  
26 Wendell D. Howard, Bettye O. Hutchings, Carol Perdue, Martha W. Sheftall, Evelyn Bennis  
27 Wells Nichols, and Helen Williams Powell; and

28 WHEREAS, the Macon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., has upheld the  
29 sorority's values through its extraordinary service programs, including Delta GEMS, support  
30 of L.H. Williams School, Teen-Lift, the SEE program, and a host of other programs and  
31 projects that have provided invaluable services to the community; and

32 WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2009, 41 women aspired to the goals and ideals of Delta Sigma  
33 Theta Sorority, Inc.: Kristal Johnson, Yolanda Robinson, Beverly Hudson, Jaquel Johnson,  
34 Tonya Woolfolk, Vanessa Williams, Latricia Riggins, Kimberly Lawson-Thomas, Ashley  
35 Jordan, Andrea Thomas-Ingram, Chandra Jordan, Sylvia McGee, LaTanya Singleton,  
36 Kersela Lewis, DeAndra Richard, Melinda Robinson, LaTanya Foster, Katina Cabiness,  
37 Jocelyn Hunt, Talya Lawson, Joy Moten-Thomas, Linda Thomas, Stephanie Woods Miller,  
38 Kashatriya Eason, Jimese Davis, Dana Williams, Terralon Chaney, Yolanda Daniel, Lakisha  
39 Thomas, Angela James, Deonna Harvey, Randi Warren, Barbara Franklin, Stacy Collins,  
40 Belinda Chaney, Monica Coleman, Paquita Adkins, Cathy Dothard, Maia Scott, Yulonda  
41 Hurst-Hill, and Tawanya Wilson.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
43 the members of this body commend Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and its Macon  
44 Alumnae Chapter for its continued commitment to public service to the community and the  
45 State of Georgia, and recognize April 26, 2009, as Macon Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma  
46 Theta Sorority, Inc., Day at the state capitol.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
48 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,  
49 Inc.